## INITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re U.S. Patent Application of Tatsuno et al. Serial Number: 09/955,948 Art Unit: 2828 Filed: September 20, 2001 Examiner: RODRIGUEZ, ARMANDO For: DIODE LASER CONTROLLING MODULE AND APPLIED EQUIPMENT THEREOF Attorney Docket No. NITT.0041 **Honorable Assistant Commissioner** for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 **COVER LETTER** Sir: The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below: [x]TOTAL WITH TOTAL CLAIMS PAID RATE CALCULATION -For **NEW CLAIMS CURRENTLY ON** ADDED FILE **Total Claims** 24 24 4 (Over 20) x \$18 0 Independent Claims 2 2 0 x \$86 (Over 3) MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) + \$290 0 RÉDUCTION FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). x 1/2 IF APPLICABLE, VERIFIED STATEMENT MUST BE ATTACHED

In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

[ x ] Response to Office Action	[ ] reduction for Extension of Time
(with Claim Amendments)	[ ] Terminal Disclaimer
[ ] Preliminary Amendment	[x] Letter to Draftsperson w/ 1 sheet of drawings
[ ] Substitute Specification	[ ] Assignment
Other	[ ] Petition under

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## **LETTER TO DRAFTPERSON**

Sir:

In response to the requirements set forth in the Office Action mailed on September 25, 2003, Applicants are submitting new drawings for Fig. 6, in connection with the above-captioned application. The legend "Prior Art" has been added to the drawing.

Kindly direct any inquiries in connection with this matter to the undersigned at the below-listed address and telephone number.

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